

REMARKS

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination on September 27, 2007 in response to a Final Office Action mailed June 28, 2007.

On October 10, 2007, the Office issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicating that the status identifier for claim 52 was “improper” because of markings.

As indicated herein, Applicants have corrected the status identifier for claim 52. Thus, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and consideration of the response dated September 27, 2007.

Additionally, Applicants wish to supplement the response dated September 27, 2007 with the following remarks regarding the currently-outstanding rejections of claims 1 – 64.

Claims 1, 33, and 52 have been amended to specify that the fibrous cellulosic webs comprise high yield fibers. New claims 65 – 67 call for the high yield fibers to comprise chemithermomechanical pulp fibers. As noted at page 5 of the specification, high yield fibers are well known for their stiffness (in both dry and wet states) relative to typical chemically pulped fibers, and as noted at page 25, inclusion of such fibers can help improve wet resiliency.

The currently-outstanding rejections do not point to a teaching of high-yield fibers or chemithermomechanical pulp fibers, and so withdrawal of those rejections is respectfully requested. Applicants also request the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections continue to be held in abeyance.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at her convenience to resolve any remaining issues.

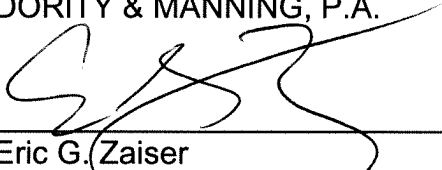
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